

**PARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
JANUARY 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 12th day of January, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION MEETING, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.

Chairman Roger Christensen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following Park Commissioners in attendance: Commissioners Linda Tarin, Carolyn Gabriel, Steve Parker, Belinda Ealy, Benay Cacciatore, Dorothy Humphrey, Jackie Walton, and Josue De La Torre. Absent and excused was Commissioner Kathy Hill. Also present were City Staff member Melinda Moritz and resident Robert Jarzombek.

2. Review and Approval of the December 8, 2015 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 Regular Park Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Humphrey. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard

None.

4. Report on Activities that Impact the Park or Access to the Park

a. Discussion and Recommendations – FY 2017 Budget Items

Staff member Moritz addressed the Commission, giving a presentation to inform the Commission of the current year park improvements and reporting the progress of each item. She explained each budget line item and for what purpose each was used. She then reviewed the recommendations in the Park Master Plan and asked the Commissioners what they wished to have placed in the FY 2017 budget. She explained that budget preparations would begin in the early spring and she needed to have all wish list items prepared. The Commissioners reviewed the list and gave a recommendation to add shades for the playground and stated they wanted the basketball court that had been scheduled for demolition to remain, but be resurfaced. They also requested that the court be reconfigured to a small children's basketball court and that an additional adult sized court be built. They also requested that all the jogging paths in

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the park be resurfaced, that the athletic fields be reconditioned, and that areas of erosion in the creek banks be corrected. They also recommended the addition of a bridge over the stream in the Natural Area Park and correct any general erosion. They want to have the paths repaired as well. After general discussion, the Chairman moved to the next item on the agenda.

b. Discussion and Recommendation – Tree Advisory Board (TAB) Plan

Staff member Moritz stated that she had spoken with Community Development Director Carol and that Ms. Carol had explained the TAB would not be ready to present a tree planting plan to the Park Commission until May of 2016. Commissioner Ealy made a motion to table the discussion until the May regular Park Commission meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cacciatore. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

c. Discussion – Park Survey

Staff member Moritz explained to the Commission that due to malfunctions in both the City's internet service and at Bexar Appraisal, the survey had been sent out too late to give a summary, but that she would present the summary at the next regular meeting.

d. Discussion and Recommendations- Park Commission Meeting Location

Staff member Moritz explained that City Hall would be ready for occupancy by the next Park Commission meeting and asked if the Park Commissioners would like to change the location of their meetings to City Hall. After brief discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at the Conference Center.

5. Commissioner and Staff Comments

Commissioner Torre wished everyone a happy New Year.

Commissioner Walton thanked Chairman Christensen for his hard work.

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Commissioner Humphrey noted that walking in the area was growing in popularity.

Commissioner Gabriel mentioned that she would like to see a better place for fitness activities than the park and that she had heard the S.A. Astronomical Society was holding their events at McAlister Park again.

Commissioner Ealy asked if there were any plans for the jogging trail to be constructed up the creek to the city limits. Staff member Moritz stated that there were no plans for such construction in the current year.


Chairman Christensen stated that in October, Dr. Beal had given a 10 lb. bag of wildflower seeds to the City, and that the seeds were spread in the wildflower garden areas. He explained that he was working on the wildflower area to reduce the stubble and to develop planting area strips to get a better understanding of growth. He also stated that he had spoken with Police Chief Randall Wallace about the new open carry gun laws. A general discussion was held regarding the new law.

6. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Cacciatore, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.



Roger Christensen - Chairman



Date